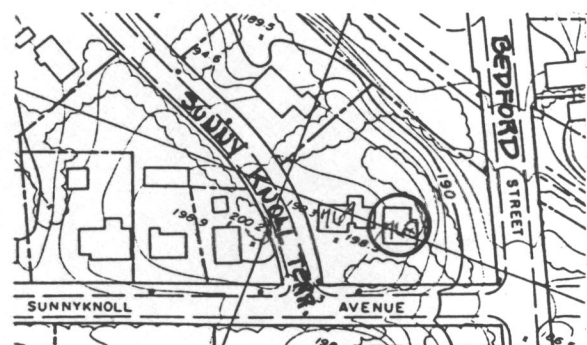


FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125



Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

0071000060

Boston N.

768, 769

Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 1 Sunny Knoll Ave.

Historic Name Elizabeth F. White House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1906

Source Lexington Valuation lists

Style/Form Italianate

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Fieldstone

Wall/Trim Wood Clapboard

Roof Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures Barn

Major Alterations (with dates)

Additions to house and barn (dates unknown)

Condition Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 0.6 A.

Setting On a quiet side street set back from and above a street with constant traffic

Recorded by Nancy S. Seasholes

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month / year) April 1998

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

1 Sunny Knoll Ave. (MHC #768) is a probably the most retardataire Italianate farmhouse in Lexington, although the one at 290 Wood St. (MHC #696) is a close second. The house at 1 Sunny Knoll also still has its associated barn. The house is rectangular, 2½ stories, two-by-three bays, and front-gabled with a ridge chimney. It is set on a fieldstone foundation, clad with wood clapboards, and roofed with asphalt shingles. At the rear is a one-story flat-roofed addition. The main entry is on the facade; the 2/2 windows have hooded surrounds supported by brackets. Other Italianate finishes include the paired brackets under the cornice of the projecting bay and the eave returns and a two-story three-sided bay on the east elevation that has paired windows on both floors and diagonal clapboards between them. A wraparound porch has a roof supported by Tuscan posts set on a fieldstone wall. The 1½-story two-by-two bay side-gabled barn (MHC #769) is set on a fieldstone foundation, clad with clapboards, and has original swinging barn doors. On its east elevation is a side-gabled addition with a center gable, ridge chimney, and a front extension over two swinging garage doors.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This house, which appears to be an Italianate farmhouse, was actually not built until 1906. It is on part of what had been an 8.27-acre parcel that had been transferred a number of times in the late 19th century. Finally, in 1904 the large parcel was subdivided into smaller houselots. The one on which this house is located was sold in September of that year to Elizabeth F. White, the wife of Robert H. White, who was the superintendent of the Lexington Poor Farm, located at Cedar and Hill streets. The Whites apparently built this house in 1906, for they were first assessed for a house on the land in 1907.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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